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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 1842

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TAGS: PFOR EFIS EC US

SUBJECT: NEPTUNE INCIDENT, NOTE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY

REF: A. STATE 056753

B. QUITO 1814

C. QUITO 1841

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NOTE DELIVERED TO ACTING FOREIGN  
MINISTER RODRIGO VALDEZ MARCH 14.

2. BEGIN TEXT NOTE: THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN  
RELATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR AND HAS THE HONOR TO  
REFER TO DISCUSSIONS ON MARCH 12, 1975, BETWEEN ECUADOREAN  
AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES JOSE CORSINO CARDENAS AND  
STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. CONCERNING AN  
INCIDENT ON BOARD THE US FISHING VESSEL "NEPTUNE" ON MARCH 6,  
1975, IN SALINAS.

ENCLOSED IS A COPY OF A LETTER WHICH HAS BEEN SENT THIS  
DAY FROM THE US NAVAL ATTACHE, CAPT. STEVE RALPH, TO  
REAR ADMIRAL SERGIO VASQUEZ PACHECO, CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS  
OF THE ECUADOREAN NAVY, REGARDING THE INCIDENT, AND REQUESTING  
AN OFFICIAL ECUADOREAN INVESTIGATION.

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AVAILS  
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ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE MINISTRY OF

FOREIGN RELATIONS THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST AND MOST  
DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION. END TEXT  
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